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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,868,158). Takahashi is directed to an echo processing apparatus that employs, among other things, a binary judgment signal generated by a double talk detector. For example, as described in columns 9 and 10, it appears that the judgment signal indicates merely